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COMMENT OF THE DAY

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NOTHING is more frustrating and exasperating in this water-starved Colony of Hongkong than to see water running to waste from capacity-laden reservoirs. It is probable that the comprehensive explanation of this paradox made yesterday by a spokesman of the Water Authority will not satisfy everybody, yet in all fairness it must be acknowledged that the Colony's present-day water situation could hardly have been anticipated by earlier Administrations. When the Jubilee Reservoir was completed in the middle thirties it was genuinely believed that Hongkong had solved its water supply problem for all time. At the time storage capacity, filtration plant and reserve facilities were adequate not only for the existing population, but for a tolerable increase in water consumers. The factors which threw all this awry are well known and today some sympathy can be felt for the Water Authority in his predicament of trying to supply a community that has swollen to two and a half million people with the fresh water they need.

By far the most irritating feature of the water supply problem is the inadequacy of filtering facilities, and while the official explanation that any major undertaking to improve filtration at the various reservoirs would be prohibitively costly must be accepted, this offers no consolation to the knowledge that if more filtering could be accomplished, there could be a substantial increase in the daily amount of water available to the public. That a slight improvement in this direction will materialise from additional filtration plant being installed at the Kowloon and Tytan reservoirs is to be welcomed, but it is obvious that until the Tai Lam Chung Valley project is completed, Hongkong must continue to forgo normal water supplies, whether or not the reservoirs are full to overflowing. The official assurance has been made that Tai Lam Chung will enable the Colony to enjoy a 24-hour water service throughout the year, but in view of past experience, anyone will be forgiven if he regards that promise with some scepticism.

Former Egyptian Premier On High Treason Charges

PLOTS AGAINST THE STATE

Goes On Trial Tomorrow

Cairo, Sept. 24.

An Egyptian ex-Premier, Ibrahim Abdel Hady, will face trial by the Egyptian Revolutionary Tribunal on charges of "high treason," a spokesman of the Revolution Council said tonight.

The indictment accused Hady of having "contacted foreign circles" this year, "plotted against the security of the state and endangered the new regime."

It was served to him in the foreigners' prison here in Cairo.

Hady's trial will begin on Saturday.

Hady was arrested four days ago in a roundup staged, it was said, in connection with the coming "traitors' trial. He was previously arrested a year ago and held for three months.

He held several Cabinet posts under King Farouk and was Prime Minister from December 1948 until July 1949 when he resigned to become one of the opposition leaders in Parliament. Shortly after a stir was caused in Parliament when it was disclosed that he had a bodyguard of 188 men.

He was a delegate to the 1945 San Francisco conference to found the United Nations, and visited Hollywood.

The Revolutionary Tribunal, presided over by Wing Commander Abdel Latif Boughdady, the Minister of War and Marine, was set up two weeks ago to try "traitors to the regime," and is empowered to impose punishments including the death sentence.—Reuter.

Tribal Chief Attacked By Mau Mau Terrorist

Nairobi, Sept. 24.

A terrorist today attacked Wakamba set or chief, Kasina Ndo, with a panga chopping knife severing his wrist and slashing his neck and stomach.

Reports reaching the police here said the attack against the 60-year-old chief—the first on a Wakamba tribal elder since the Mau Mau emergency broke out nearly a year ago—was made by a member of his own tribal location, which lies about 100 miles east of here.

The chief, who was without his normal bodyguard, was slashed in full view of about 40 other Wakamba tribesmen, none of whom raised a hand to help him or to prevent the assailant's escape.

The attacker, who police said was a Mau Mau member, seized the chief's shotgun before fleeing. All 40 tribesmen near the chief when he was cut down were arrested.

Police headquarters here said the chief had recently received a letter threatening his life. Chief Kasina Ndo is "one of the most progressive and enlightened African chiefs in the Colony," a senior Government official said tonight. He had visited Britain several times and at least once since the war.

The Kitui district on the Wakamba reserve, where the attack occurred, lies on the borders of the Kikuyu tribal country. Recently there have been signs of Mau Mau infiltration into the area in search of food and recruits.

A Mau Mau threat to shoot all Africans seen riding on Nairobi buses led to a complete boycott of all bus services to African locations today.

Three services running at ten minute intervals were withdrawn because of a complete lack of passengers.—Reuter.

Will Be Classed As Deserters

Washington, Sept. 24.

The Defence Department disclosed today that American prisoners of war in Korea who refuse to be repatriated probably would be classed as deserters and it indicated action might be taken against others who turned "progressive."—United Press.



The troopship Asturias reached England last week with repatriated British prisoners of war from Korea. Top picture shows Pte M. J. Bissell of the Gloucesters, being chaired by his relatives at the dockside. Above, some of the ex-POWs disembarking from the Asturias.

Inquiry Into Death Sentence Story

Wonderful Homecoming For ex-POW

(From ARTHUR COOK)

Teheran, Sept. 24.

An official inquiry started at Teheran army headquarters today to find out how the news of Mossadeq's death sentence leaked.

Four army judges and two official writers have already been questioned but the inquiry has been ordered to include every officer, typist and man who could have had any access to information on the trial.

Only newspaper in the world to carry the original report of the sentence was the Daily Express. This story was flashed back to Teheran and every newspaper here knew of the sentence. Only quick Government action stopped the story being spread across every newspaper's headlines.

For the Government is not sure if the time is right for an announcement which starts more riots all over Persia. Today Radio Teheran continued the systematic campaign against Mossadeq and demanded the death sentence but still the Communist Tudeh Party, which would join the pro-Mossadeq men in any uprising, are causing great concern.

Today several more Tudeh arms caches were uncovered in various parts of Teheran and the keeper of the Military Academy's arms store was arrested as a Tudeh supporter.

At Rasht, 300 miles north of Teheran, police swooped on a Tudeh meeting in a private house and the Reds, when finding themselves surrounded, opened fire.

One Tudeh supporter was killed and seven wounded in the small battle which followed. The Communist newspaper Maardom is still being circulated in large numbers. Six thousand copies of yesterday's issue were discovered when police swooped on a Teheran house today.—London Express Service.

MOSSADEQ'S DEATH SENTENCE

The Teheran newspaper, Keyhan, said today that ex-Premier Mohammed Mossadeq, under arrest since his regime was overthrown last month, allegedly argued and kept firm silence during a nine-hour interrogation at Saltanabad prison near here.

The independent evening paper said he had tried to appear "calm and cool" during the questioning.

Keyhan, quoting "informed Army judicial sources," said Dr Mossadeq had told a questioner that he was "doubtful" about the authenticity of the Shah's decree ousting him from the office of Premier.

He had denied that he intended to depose the Shah and that he instructed Persian

diplomats abroad to ignore the monarch. He blamed his Foreign Minister, Dr Hussein Fattahi, for the orders to diplomats.

At other times during the questioning, Keyhan reported, Dr Mossadeq refused to answer questions, and declared: "I will express my views in court."—Reuter.

Rita Hayworth Married Again

Las Vegas, Sept. 24.

Rita Hayworth and her married today to crooner Dick Haymes, her fourth husband, in a hotel ceremony as well as photo-graphers and staged as a movie scene.

Only 10 guests were invited to the wedding in a private room of the Sands Hotel in this busy gambling resort, while a small army of newsmen and television cameramen, photographers and reporters recorded the entire event.

Rita, nervous as a first-time bride in her simple blue linen dress, said her fourth "I do" while facing a battery of 16 cameras and floodlights. Judge Frank Macmanis conducted the civil ceremony reading into a microphone as movie cameras whizzed away.—United Press.

ITALIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS

Belgrade, Sept. 24.

Tanjung, the official Yugoslav news agency, reported today that some Italian troops had arrived in the Yugoslav border area in the past few days.

(Yugoslavia has protested several times against Italian troop movements in the frontier area since the Italian-Yugoslav dispute over the border city of Trieste flared up a month ago).—Reuter.

Indonesian Soldiers Desert

Djakarta, Sept. 24.

Eighty-seven Indonesian Army men under the command of Lieutenant Ibrahim Saleh have deserted their posts in the Tapanuli area of North Sumatra, apparently to join the insurgents in Aceh, according to reports from Aneta News Agency reaching Djakarta from Medan tonight.

The deserters were of Aceh origin. Taking with them all the firearms of their company, they drove in Army trucks to Kotajane, in the heart of South Aceh.

Information Minister F.L. Tobing, in a nationwide broadcast tonight, appealed to the whole nation to remain calm and to assist the Government where possible to carry out its tasks.

Referring to recent attacks by armed gangs at police and Army posts in several places in Aceh, the Minister said Government instruments had taken strong measures against the insurgents reaching Djakarta.

The Government has the situation under control, he added.

In the meantime, Vice Chairman of the Provisional Parliament Dr Tambunan suggested the Government to appeal to the Vice President, Dr Mohammed Hatta, whose prestige in Aceh has always been very great, to visit the area to help find a solution for the difficulties there.

Not only European employees of estates in Aceh, but also a number of officials together with their families, have evacuated to Medan, the capital city of North Sumatra, according to press reports reaching Djakarta.

Two vessels from Lhokseumawe, on Aceh's northeast coast, arrived in Medan harbour yesterday with men, women and children from Aceh.

According to other reports from Aceh, the insurgents are being led by former Republican Military Governor of Aceh Teuko Daud Beureuh.

A letter found on an arrested courier of Kartosuwirjo, who has his headquarters in West Java, reportedly revealed Daud Beureuh had been appointed "the Island State" Army Commander for Aceh.—Reuter.

Thousands Visit Britain

London, Sept. 24.

Over 618,000 overseas travellers visited Britain between January and August this year and a record of 600,000 are expected by the year's end, it was announced today. It was expected that tourist earnings would reach £125,000,000.—China Mail Special.

Lord Salisbury Accused Of Reversing British Policy

London, Sept. 24.

A left-wing Labour member of Parliament tonight accused the Marquess of Salisbury, Acting Foreign Secretary, of "reversing British policy towards (Communist) China's representation at the United Nations."

The MP, Mr Desmond Donnelly, speaking at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Central England, said he "had information" to this effect, adding: "It is now the intention to support Chiang Kai-shek's (Nationalist leader) envoy indefinitely."

Mr Donnelly added: "It is an exceedingly grave matter that such decisions can be taken behind the back of the British Parliament when it is not sitting and be instigated by a remote individual who is not answerable to the elected representatives of the nation. This is something that no House of Commons worth its salt will tolerate for one minute."

He added that he would ask for a statement on Lord Salisbury's activities when the House of Commons meets again next month after the summer recess.

The Foreign Office declined formal comment on Mr Donnelly's statement but diplomatic quarters said there has been no recent change in British policy towards the question of Communist China's seat at the United Nations.

Russian People Not Told

Washington, Sept. 24.

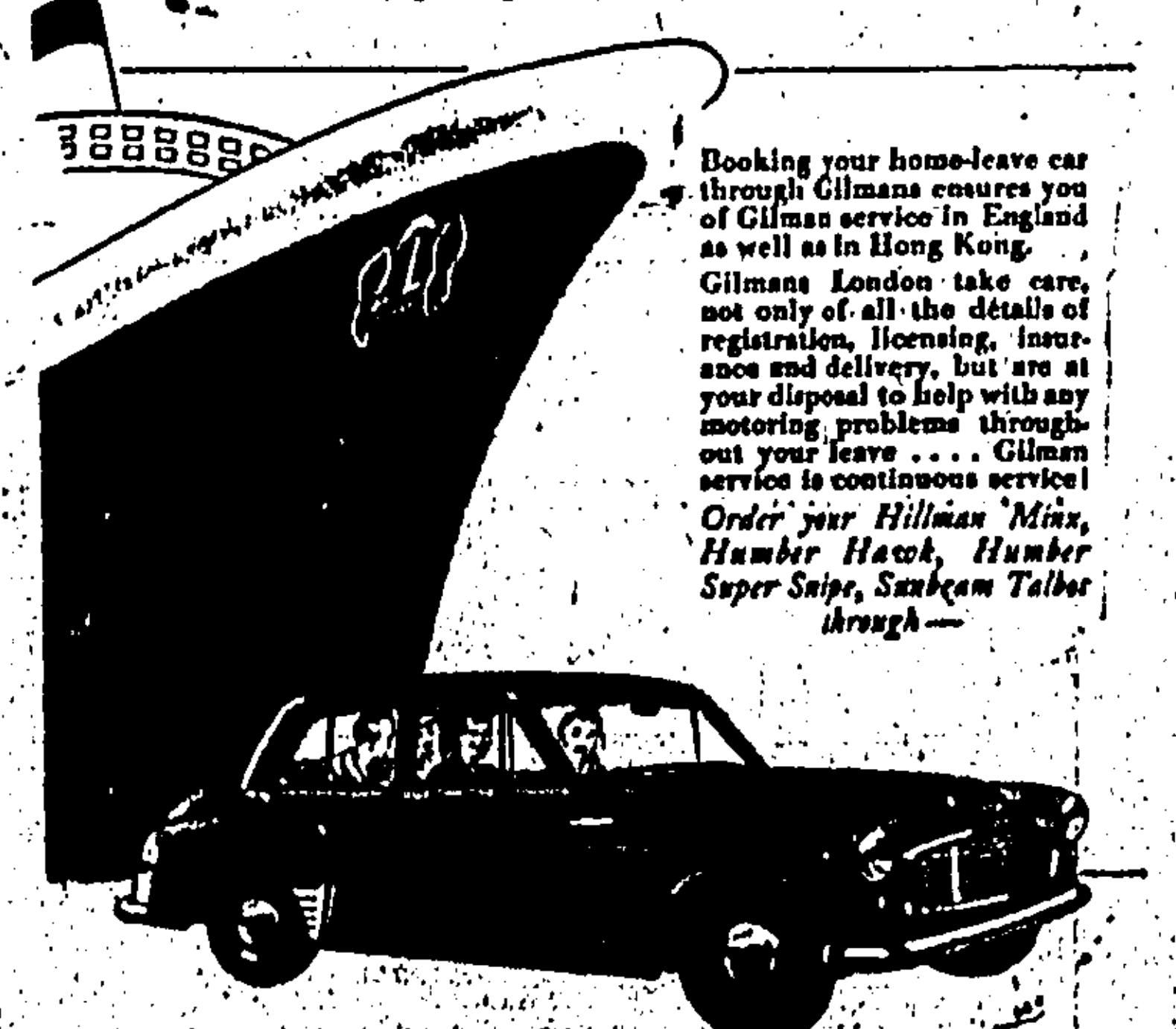
The State Department said today the Soviet Union had not told the Russian people about an offer by the United States, Britain and France to discuss German and Austrian problems at a meeting of the big four foreign ministers.

The Department's spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, said a study of the Soviet press and radio showed that "not a single word" about the offer, contained in a Western note of September 2, had been mentioned.

The three-power note proposed a meeting of foreign ministers in Lugano, Switzerland, on October 15.—Reuter.

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Security Council Meeting

Conference Called By Eisenhower

Washington, Sept. 24. The National Security Council held a three-hour meeting today and was reported to have discussed the defence of the American continent in the hydrogen bomb era.

The session of the Council, the United States top strategy-planning body, was secret and there was no word about what decisions, if any, were reached.

President Eisenhower summoned an unusually large number of his Government aides and advisers to today's meeting.

Normally fewer than a dozen people attend the weekly meeting. But today 26 names were listed in addition to that of the President, who serves as the Council's Chairman.

DEAN'S WARNING

Meanwhile, a Wentworth-by-the-Sea, New Hampshire, Mr. Gordon Dean, retired Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, said that within a year or two, Russia would be able virtually to "destroy us if she moves first."

Time is "running out," Mr. Dean said.

Mr. Dean said the very great problem of 1953-1954 was "Can we as a nation, and can the nations of the now free world permit the Soviet to reach the position where, if it chooses, it can completely annihilate this country?"

"Time and the unwillingness of the free world to stop the clock combine to give her this power," he said in an address prepared for delivery at the annual meeting of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and the Northern Textile Association.—Reuter.

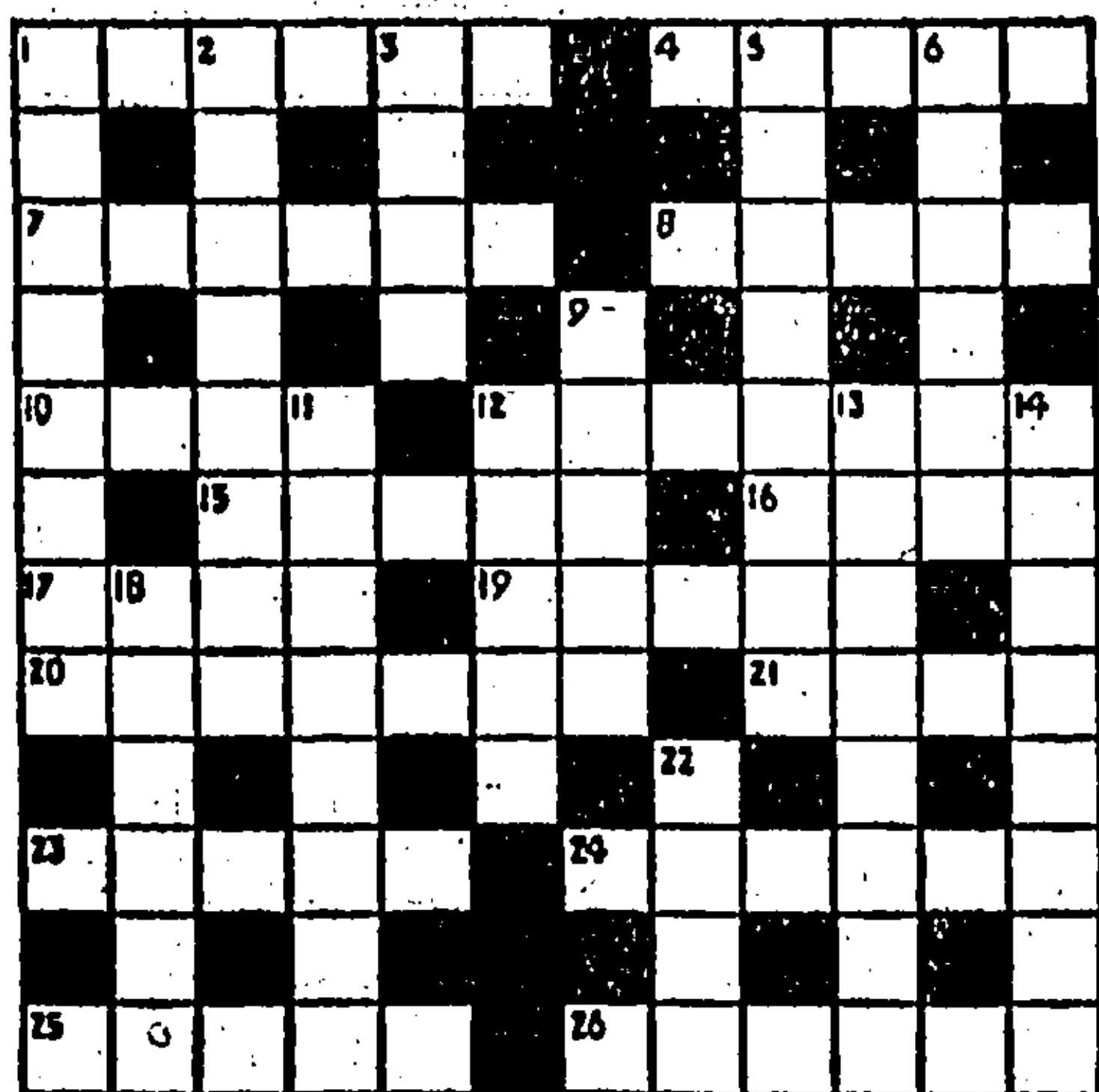
Reds Release Engineer

Vienna, Sept. 24. The Soviet occupation authorities have released an Austrian engineer, Josef Heger, who was reported to have been kidnapped last March, the Austrian news agency APA reported today.

Heger, handed over for release to the Austrian police by the Soviet Kommandatura in Baden, near Vienna on September 16, refused to give any information to the Austrian authorities about the reasons for his arrest, the agency said.

Heger, a former official of the extreme right-wing League of Independents, had later joined the Communist-affiliated National League Party.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Take into custody (6).
2 Earlier (5).
3 Unbroken (6).
4 Representative (5).
5 Among (4).
6 Flatter (7).
7 Chemical (5).
8 Highest point (4).
9 Dregs (4).
10 Deluge (6).
11 Range of hearing (7).
12 Language (4).
13 Symbols (5).
14 Come back (6).
15 Urgency (5).
16 Dislike (6).

DOWN
1 Friendly (8).
2 Servant (8).
3 Dismiss (4).
4 Control (8).
5 Elaborately adorned (6).
6 Skilled (5).
7 Disagrees (8).
8 Fire-raising (5).
9 Opening (8).
10 Outer (3).
11 Not so difficult (5).
12 Like (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3, Dastards; 8, Rust; 10, Amassing; 11, Sniggers; 12, Dips; 13, Calms; 18, Meats; 19, Arab; 22, Connected; 24, Condensed; 25, Retina; 26, Radiator. Down: 1, Cross; 2, Asir; 3, Diagram; 4, Acme; 5, Toss; 6, Raisin; 7, Signal; 10, Aroma; 14, Lemon; 16, Sleds; 17, Lascar; 18, Banned; 20, Acid; 21, Usual; 22, Come; 23, Nero.

Lessening Tension In World But Cold War Is Not Over

CARDINAL SPELLMAN'S DENIAL

New York, Sept. 24. Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, today denounced rigorously the trial in Warsaw of Bishop Kaczmarek, condemned this week to 12 years' imprisonment.

The Bishop was alleged to have sent secret information to the United States through Cardinal Spellman.

The Cardinal said he had never even heard the name of Bishop Kaczmarek before his trial.

"It was," he said, "a mockery and a parody of justice and the verdict was absurd and cruel."

Those responsible, said the Cardinal, would in their world of Communist contradiction, one day receive themselves their own punishment for what are barbarous and shameful crimes.—France-Press.

Churchill Gives Reception

Cap Hill, Sept. 24. Sir Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, today gave a reception at the holiday villa of La Cappele here in honour of the French Interior Minister, M. Jean Martinoud Deplat.

After a morning of painting, Sir Winston Churchill, with his daughter Mary and her husband, Captain Christopher Soames.—Reuter.

Pole Explains His Reasons For Requesting Asylum

Washington, Sept. 24. Dr. Marek Stanislaw Korowicz, alternate member of the Polish delegation to the United Nations who left his colleagues on September 18 and asked for political asylum in the United States, told a Congressional Committee today his reasons for doing so.

"I knew it was only in the United States that I could serve to the fullest extent the interests of Poland," he said.

He spoke in French from the witness chair of the Un-American Activities Committee in the House of Representatives, his testimony being relayed to Communist countries by short-wave radio.

Dr. Korowicz said that even before he left Poland, he had decided he would try to escape from the Communists, when he reached the United States.

He said he had never been a member of the Communist Party and "no one ever invited me to become a member."

Not more than five or six per cent of his countrymen were members of the Communist Party, Dr. Korowicz added. Dr. Korowicz told the Committee that the Polish United Nations delegation was under direct Soviet domination.

He was asked by Mr. Gordon Scherer (Republican, Ohio) whether the same situation would exist if Communist China were admitted to the United Nations and replied:

"At the beginning the same state of affairs would prevail. That is my opinion."

Polish politicians and Communist leaders had been stressing in speeches and articles that the first effect of the admission of Communist China to the United Nations would be to strengthen the Communist bloc in the Security Council, he said.

Dr. Korowicz added: "The Soviet representative would no longer be isolated, but would be accompanied by Communist China. The Soviet bloc would then have two of the five votes instead of only one."—Reuter.

REVIEW BY YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER

New York, Sept. 24. M. Koca Popovic, the Yugoslav Foreign Secretary, told the United Nations General Assembly today that no positive change of any decisive character had taken place in the relations between Yugoslavia and the countries of the Soviet group.

"This is even more regrettable owing to the fact that relations between these countries and Yugoslavia have been extremely strained for many years," he added.

It was entirely the fault of those States and primarily of the Soviet Government, M. Popovic said.

It was undeniable, he continued, that there had been a lessening of tension in the world, and this could be illustrated by the armistice in Korea.

But he added: "We do not believe that the cold war has ceased and that the signs of lessening of tension have suppressed tension itself, which is still very acute."

It was difficult and impossible to deny the special responsibility of the great powers in the international problems of major importance.

"But if this be the case, the consequences of their errors must prove particularly dangerous."

"Furthermore, in view of the fact that in conflicts between great powers large interests are at stake, these powers cannot be always impartial without the assistance, support and co-operation of other smaller and less powerful nations," M. Popovic said.

"We should see to it that the dangerous tendency of powerful nations solving their disputes at the expense of other interested nations, and without consulting the latter, should not be renewed."

"Such attempts, as we have seen, could only worsen the disequilibrium that they are trying to eliminate; they could only give rise to new increased tensions and breed the seeds of war. The weaker and smaller nations should not be left with the only choice between submission to one great power or another," M. Popovic said.—Reuter.

TREND IN SOVIET
Paris, Sept. 24. M. Edvard Kardelj, Yugoslav Deputy Premier, said in an interview published here today that he believed "the forces of progress, favouring Socialist Democracy, will become increasingly strong in the Soviet Union."

"This transformation inside the Soviet Union will take place gradually and we must not expect any spectacular evidence," M. Kardelj said in an interview with the weekly periodical, Express.

"But it must be facilitated from the outside, and that is why a policy for the easing of international tension is necessary, while on the contrary a policy of force and pressure on Russia would strengthen against bureaucratic tendencies, which could lead to the return of Stalinist methods of dictatorship in the name of defending the mother country."

He declared that shortcomings in Soviet economic assistance were the weak spot of Russo-Chinese relations.

"That is why it would be wise for the West to seek to establish normal and active commercial relations with China. China will need large-scale economic co-operation. And it is probable that trade exchanges can lead China to political independence," he said.—Reuter.

SHIPS FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, Sept. 25. The Japanese Maritime Safety Force (navy) will soon receive two American patrol frigates and three large LSTs under the United States-Japan lend-lease agreement on ships, a spokesman for the National Security Board (Defence Ministry) said.

This will increase the strength of the Japanese Maritime Safety Force to 13 frigates and 50 landing support vessels.

The Force said five more frigates were expected to be delivered by the United States this year.

The Force said the christening ceremony was to be held at Yokosuka naval base next Wednesday.—Reuter.

Saudi Arabian In Germany



Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia arrived in Berlin recently during his tour of Germany and is seen here with the famous Brandenburg Tor in the background as he passes a sign stating that the entry into Eastern Berlin from the Western Sector is only 40 metres away.—Express Photo.

U.S. Confidence In World Role Of France & Germany

Washington, Sept. 24. Diplomats here were impressed by evidence in the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles' speech that he felt new confidence in both France and Germany and in the prospect of improved free world conditions with their help.

In the case of France he indicated, in his St Louis speech, that this resulted from the French pledge for the independence of Indo-China.

BOAC Reduces More Fares

London, Sept. 24. British Overseas Airways Corporation today announced reduced fares to nine new areas—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, the Persian Gulf area, the West Indies and North, West, Central and South Africa.

The new tourist fares will provide reductions of at least 20 per cent on standard fares beginning the first week of October.—Reuter.

British Request To GATT Supported

Geneva, Sept. 24. India and Ceylon have both pledged their support to Britain's request to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) for a general waiver to increase tariffs on a limited range of non-Commonwealth agricultural products while making no corresponding increases in Commonwealth tariffs.

Speaking during the debate on the British request earlier this week the Indian delegate, Dr L.R.S. Shigh, declared that the Indian Government was satisfied that Britain's request did not seek a basic modification of GATT's objectives, neither was it intended to extend imperial preferences.

He regarded the request as not unreasonable and considered that the proposed procedure for consultation and arbitration provided enough safeguards.

India would therefore support the request, he said.

Mr. M. F. Jayaratne, of Ceylon, thought the GATT should show resiliency and flexibility if it were to survive by reconciling the interests of many countries.

His Government supported the British request, he said, since the issue was essentially practical and the solution was not in violation of the spirit of GATT.

Opposition to Britain's request came from European countries.—Reuter.

Red Spies Have A Clear Field In Japan

Tokyo, Sept. 25. Communist spy rings, which the police say are gathering information about United States bases and Japan's embryonic army and navy, work here unimpeded by any anti-espionage law.

The Government is expected soon to take action to correct this situation, but for the time being suspected spies can be prosecuted only under laws with comparatively light penalties.

A Russian, alleged to have been making contact with a spy system here, was recently charged with breaking immigration laws—the only offence of which puzzled prosecutors could accuse him.

Two notable cases of espionage have occurred here since Japan regained her freedom in April 1952.

A radio operator, Masao Mitsuhashi, reported to the police last year that his life was threatened by Communist agents and that he needed police protection.

While police investigated his allegations, Mitsuhashi confessed that he had been employed by Communist agents in Japan transmitting coded messages to Soviet Russia.

In spite of Mitsuhashi's confession, corroborated by other evidence, Japanese legal authorities found that they could not prosecute him for espionage.

HOW MANY MORE?

When Mitsuhashi appeared in court, he was tried on a charge of using a radio transmitter without a licence. The court found him guilty and sentenced him to four months' imprisonment.

Mitsuhashi was one of thousands of Japanese who returned home from Siberian prisoners-of-war camps. Police and Government officials wondered how many more of the former prisoners were employed by the Communists as agents.

More recently, a man arrested by police in northern Japan said that he had been trained in an espionage school in Sakhalin and sent to Japan to contact Communist agents.

He added that he was ordered to leave a set of code books in a certain spot where a Communist agent would pick them up. The police checked his story and found a set of books in the place described by the man.

Police waited for the Communist agent to come for the books, but the publicity given to the arrest of the courier must have warned him.

FEARS FELT

The man also told the police that Soviet patrol boats would be waiting to pick him up and take him back to Sakhalin.

Police were waiting for the boat when it arrived. Four members of the crew were arrested and the vessel impounded.

Japanese public prosecutors decided to indict only the captain.

These Russians were the first Soviet nationals to be arrested by the Japanese authorities since the war. Many Japanese feared that the Kremlin might retaliate against Japanese prisoners-of-war still detained in Siberian camps.

The vessel's captain was charged with violating Japan's immigration and shipping laws. If found guilty, the maximum penalty would be three years' imprisonment.

In spite of the apparent need for an anti-espionage law, Japanese public opinion was opposed to such legislation.

TO GO AHEAD?

Critics said that pre-war and wartime governments had used anti-espionage laws to control the people, and argued that under former laws the public were allowed to praise the forces but were forbidden to criticize.

A man could be arrested and imprisoned, they declared, for an indefinite period without trial for causing "disunity in the nation and undermining the war effort." If he criticised the army.

The governments and military, they stated, had sometimes used the espionage law for disunity.

Talks It Over With President

Washington, Sept. 24. General John E. Hull, soon to become United Nations Commander in the Far East, discussed his new assignment with President Eisenhower at breakfast today.

General Hull told reporters that he would leave on Saturday for the Far East and would spend a week with his predecessor, General Mark W. Clark.

General Hull said he would visit Korea with General Clark and take over the command on October 7 or 8.—Reuter.

American Envoys Confer In Vienna

Vienna, Sept. 24. Chiefs of United States missions in seven European countries including five Communist states today ended a two and a half days "routine" conference here on economic and political developments in their territories.

Mr. Livingston T. Merchant, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for European Affairs, who presided over the conference, told reporters that the talks were purely routine and resulted in no policy making.

"Our conference was the continuation of a practice developed over the years ago in which chiefs of missions in a given region periodically discuss related interests."

"Some 80 per cent of our time was devoted to discussions of political and economic developments, each chief of mission reviewing the situation as it applied to the country to which he is assigned. The rest of the time was devoted to administration."

Among those attending the conference besides Mr. Merchant were Mr. Charles E. Bohlen, Ambassador to the Soviet Union; Mr. George Wadsworth, Ambassador to Czechoslovakia; Mr. Joseph Flack, Ambassador to Poland; Mr. Christian M. Raveland, Minister to Hungary; Mr. Harold Shantz, Minister to Rumania; Dr. James B. Conant, High Commissioner in Germany; and two of his aides, Mr. Walter C. Dowling, the Deputy High Commissioner, and Mr. Cecil B. Lyon, Director of the Berlin section of the U.S. High Commission. Mr. Lowell E. Thompson, Ambassador to Austria, and Mr. Moses L. Harvey, Chief of the State Department's Division of Research for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.—Reuter.

Losing Its Original Identity?

New York, Sept. 24. An article in the New York Times said today that the United States Point Four programme of technical aid to foreign countries "is fast becoming an instrument of America's cold war policy."

The article, by the Times Washington correspondent, Paul Kennedy, added: "Its original identity and purpose are being absorbed in one way or another into the United States military assistance programme and the counter-offensive against Communist encroachment, which the aid represents."

The article said that technical assistance experts, who had been with the Technical Co-operation Agency since its inception, were convinced that the amalgamation of the Agency with the Mutual Security Agency into the Foreign Operations Administration was the beginning of the end for Point Four as it was conceived.

These men look upon what they consider the inevitable destruction of the original Point Four philosophy as the end of an amazing experiment that was propelled as much by missionary zeal as it was by motives of enlightened self-interest.—Reuter.

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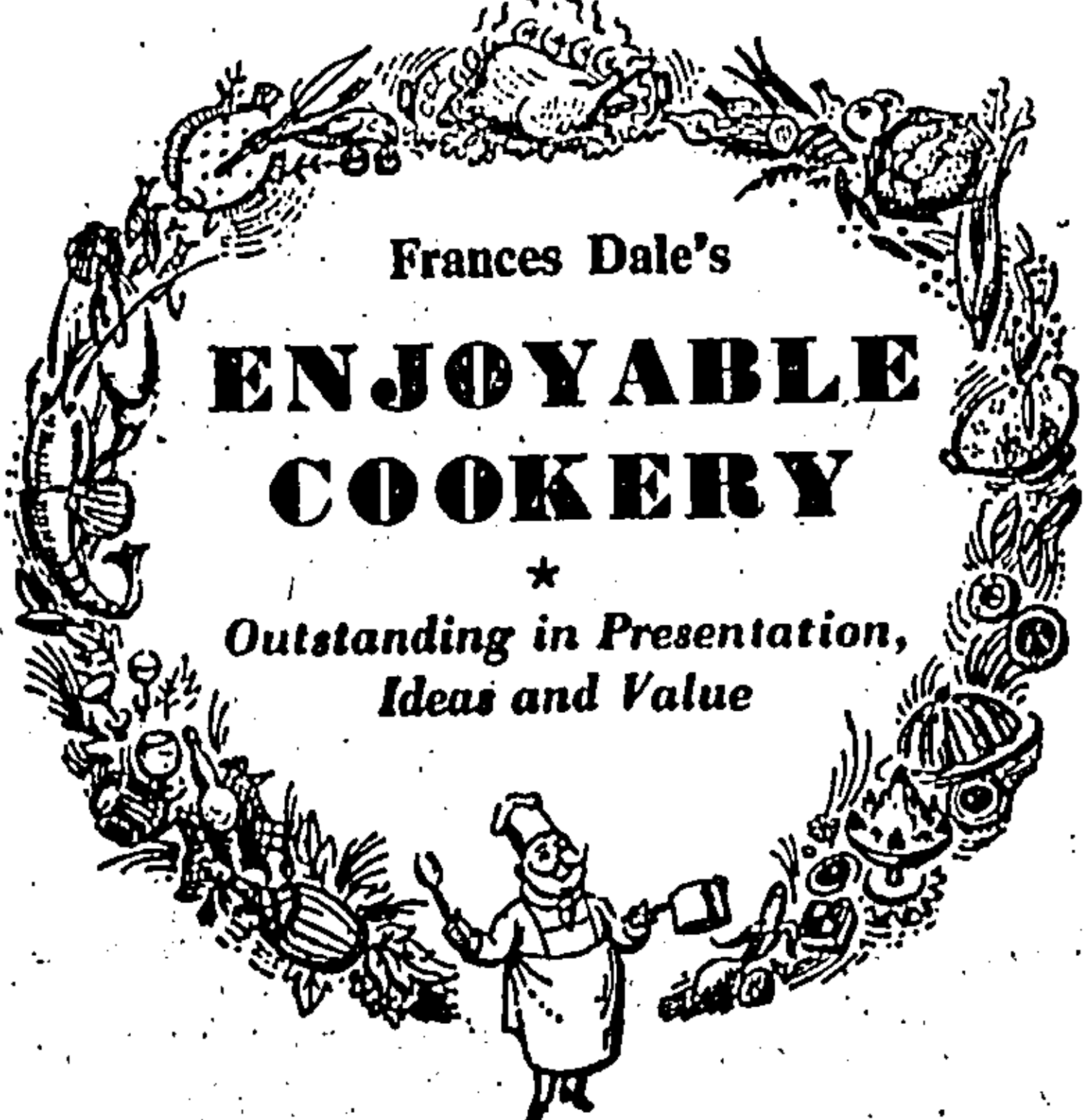
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buy one thing at a time.

IN Montgomery, Alabama, Ray
Scott fell from a 25ft.
scenfold and landed feet first.
He was unhurt—till a sledge-
hammer he landed on jumped
up and hit him on the jaw,
and loosened a few teeth.

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POLICE stopped Texas driver
Donald Gowdy for driving
at 90 miles an hour in his
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He said mildly: "I was only
trying to find out how fast that
small aircraft overhead was
going."

A SIX-FOOT gunman terrorised
a New York grocery
store. He had a gun duel with a
policeman, and clubbed a clerk.
But he gave up at once when
Aaron Tobin, 21st St. bus
driver, ambled over, lowered
him to the ground, and sat on
him.

QUEER thing about the luncheonette
on Belmont
Avenue, near 175th Street. It
never served luncheons.
So the police raided the little
kiosk-type "eatery." They found
the proprietor served heroin to
drug addicts.

Eisenhower's personal economic adviser,
seeing Mr. Butler, has been finding
Europeans anxious about the dangers
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MUTUAL SOUNDINGS

The Batory's Captain Reveals The Ship's Secrets THE EVIL GENIUS WHO ORGANISED THE SPIES

The climax of seven years of sensational stories about the
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network of spies and informers controlled by Peter Szemiel,
political security officer.

But the evil genius of Batory is security officer Major
Zebrowski, in Gdynia, her home port. He had his suspicions
about Captain Cwiklinsky and set spies to watch him.

I went down to see him and
faced his smooth smile and
evasive eyes. Why had he dis-
missed the girl?
"But captain, she hasn't been
dismissed, you know. It's just
that she's wanted in a court
case here in Gdynia, and you'll
be seeing her before it comes up."
I went back and asked the
woman if this was so. She said
it was the first she had heard of
it. So back again to Zebrowski
who grinned at me and said
lightly: "Oh, that's nothing.
She hasn't had the summons
yet."

Night Steward

I DIDN'T believe him, and I
beat him down in argument.
He let me have the woman then.
But when we returned she
was dismissed, of course, but
that's a small obstacle for a good
spy. When I realised that I was
under observation I arranged the
documents in the drawers
so that a way to make the
slightest interference with them
appeared.

When next I looked at them I
saw that they had been dis-
turbed.
Obvious Spying
WHENEVER passengers were
guests in my quarters my
steward showed a solicitous
interest in our welfare, hovering
about us, never really leaving
us alone together.

I expected this rather obvious
spying, of course, and I was in-
trigued one day when I realised
that it had more or less stopped.
I did not believe that Szemiel
or Kaminski now considered me
above suspicion, that wasn't in
character at all. I suspected
that somehow I must still be
under observation while I was
in my quarters. I became con-
vinced of it after I met one of
the Line's directors in Gdynia.
He idly repeated to me an in-
nocent remark I had made to a
passenger when I was in my
cabin.

The director may or may not
have been giving me an oblique
warning, but it put me on my
guard. The next time a visitor
came to my quarters I listened
carefully for any sound from
the wireless-room next door,
where Kaminski had one of his
spies.

Sure enough there was a
slight movement of furniture
against the wall. I noticed a
similar noise on successive
occasions when visitors came.
I realised now what had hap-
pened.

This realisation was confirmed
when a crew member came to
me later on ship's business and,
in the middle of it, silently
mouthed the words: "There's a
microphone in this cabin. They
are listening to us."

Constant Strain

THE strain of living under
conditions like this is indes-
cribable. I was innocent of any
crime against the Polish State,
and it did not help my peace of
mind to realise that Zebrowski
was indifferent to the fact that
I was determined to get rid of me and
would contrive or distort the
most innocent of incidents to
build up a case against me.
I could not comfort myself by
saying: "At least, I command
the Batory. I am her master."
Too often did I have to listen
to the decisions of the Party
Secretariat and the Union, and
in the ship as they wished.
There was that occasion on
the India run, just after we left
Gibson, when the leaders of
the Party and Union came to
me and told me that they
wanted the ship to get to
Gdynia a day earlier than
schedule.

They did not tell me why. I
was not a member of the Party,
and therefore did not warrant
such confidence. I told them the
suggestion was impossible. To
accelerate the schedule would
cost the line something like
£2,000. It would mean that
passengers would arrive in
Southampton on Sunday instead
of Monday. How about their
schedule?
"It is necessary to speed up,"
I was told.
"I can't do it without per-
mission from Gdynia."
"Very well, captain, we'll get
permission from Gdynia."
And they got it, too. Within
the hour came the message from
the company's headquarters:
"Speed up."

the Union's "agitators" paid
particular attention to what was
said at these meetings by the
ordinary rank-and-file.

Two or three times a voyage
there would be a general meet-
ing in the first-class dining-
room for the whole ship's com-
pany. And then even I shouted
my "Hurrah!" in approval of
the cry: "Long live the Soviet
Union!"

There was a desperate note in
this political instruction, Szemiel,
Kaminski, Major Zebrowski
(and whoever gave the Major
his orders) were fighting a losing
battle against disillusion. These
lectures, with the threats and
the punishments that lay behind
them, were their methods of
quarantining against desertion.

But they did not stop it.
Young men leapt overboard in
New York, swimming to free-
dom with nothing more than
the bathing-trunks they were
wearing. They walked ashore in
Southampton and Highbury-on-
Tyne, trusting in the liberality
of the British people.

Even men and women who
were ship's spies came to warn
me that Zebrowski was tighten-
ing his net.

I got a certain inner amuse-
ment out of watching Szemiel
when members of the crew de-
serted. He was obviously won-
dering how he was going to
explain this to Gdynia.

Loose Tongue
MY duty was simple after
such incidents. I merely in-
formed the Polish Consulate of
the names and relevant details
of the deserters. Then Szemiel
would start his interrogations.

First he would stop all shore-
leave. Then he checked on the
spies and informers in the
divisions to which the desert-
ers had belonged. From the in-
formation they gave him he
moved on to the deserters' friends.
He probably built up a
comfortable report to send in
code to Zebrowski, but I doubt
if he ever found a satisfactory
excuse for having let the men
get away.

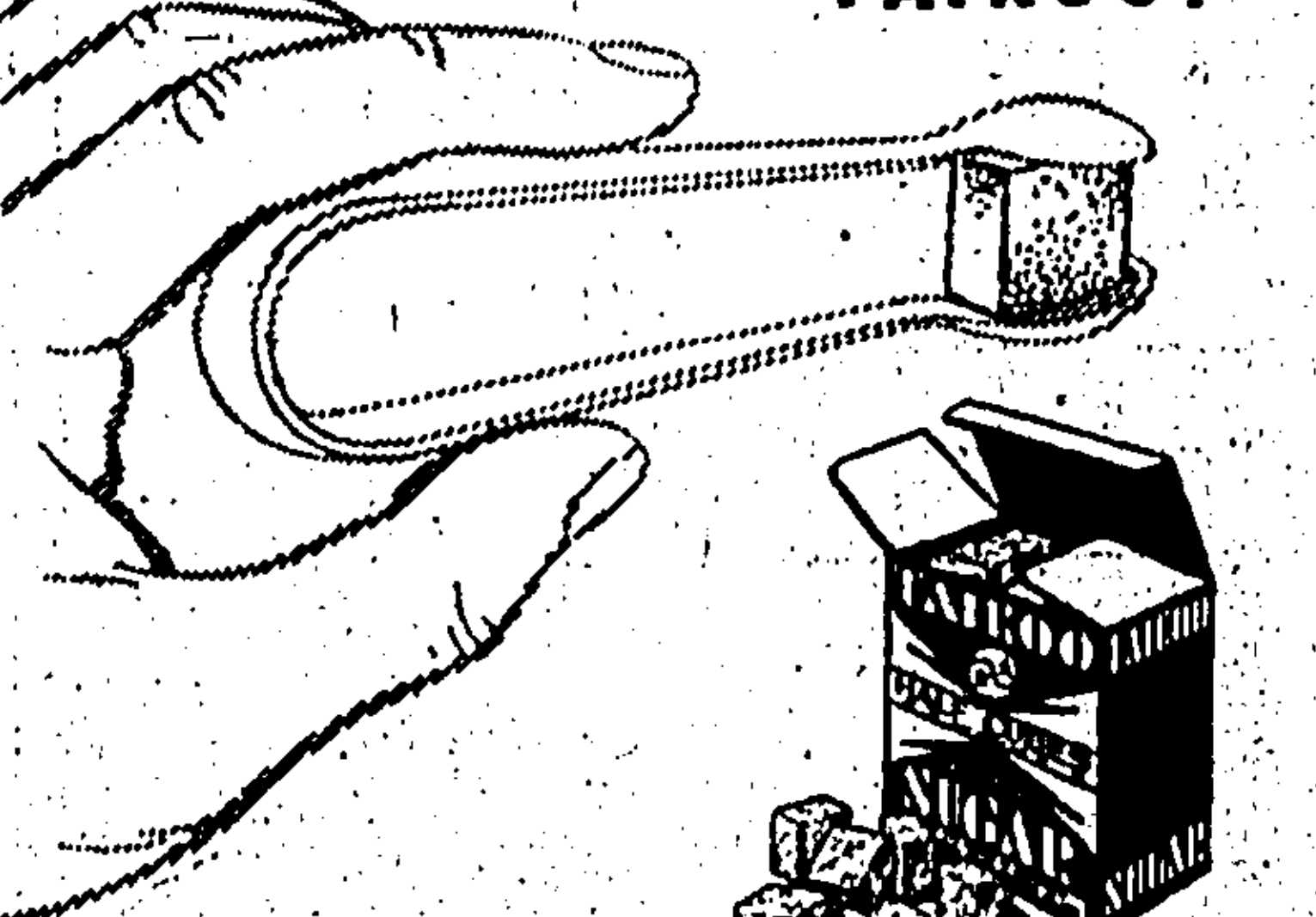
Nor could the UB men al-
ways rely on the discretion of
their spies. That ship's photo-
grapher had a loose tongue. He
was a smiling, willing man,
and I might have been taken
in him, had I not been
warned by a friend that he
was a spy, and had it not been
obvious that he was too an-
xious to take my photograph
every time I spoke to a pas-
senger.

I said he had a loose tongue.
One evening in Zoppo, Po-
land, before the Batory left on
what was to be her last voyage
under my command, this man
got drunk. Too drunk.

"This is the captain's last
voyage," he said. "When he
comes back we finish him."
He really should not have
said that. It gave the game
away. And when Major
Zebrowski reads this article he
will be most angry with the
ship's photographer of the M.V.
Batory.

TOMORROW:
Gerhardt Eisler, America's
Number One Communist,
stays away aboard the
Batory. What happened at
Southampton. I am called
to a special investigation to
explain my "lack of patriot-
ism over the Eisler affair."

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"FAKHOI"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 30th Sept.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	10 a.m. 30th Sept.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m. 1st Oct.
"YOCIOU"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 2nd Oct.
"POYANG"	Moji, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe (passengers only)	Noon 2nd Oct.
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"FUKIEN"	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	8 a.m. 11th Oct.
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"SZECHUEN"	Singapore	27th Sept.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 28th Sept.
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"PELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	0th Nov.

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Sails		
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"The enemy has no respect for truth."

"We are up against a propaganda team and had better learn to fight," he told a Press conference on his return from Korea yesterday.

He said minutes of interrogation and solitary imprisonment forced him to "confess."

"I was utterly exhausted physically and mentally. It seemed the situation was absolutely hopeless. I was positively convinced I would never leave unless I confessed."

Reuter.

Salisbury Rocked

London, Sept. 24. An "explosion" which shook buildings at Salisbury today was caused by a Swift F-4 jet plane breaking through the sound barrier. — China Mail Special.

RUSSIAN COMPLAINT

London, Sept. 24. In a commentary in English broadcast by Moscow Radio today, Boris Leontyev, the well-known Soviet commentator, complained that "influential circles in the United States and the big press have stepped up the atomic hysteria."

Referring to last Friday's Soviet news agency announcement of Soviet atom bomb tests, he accused the American press of suppressing or minimising the following statement:

"As long as responsible quarters in the United States decline the instant proposals made by the Soviet Union to outlaw atomic weapons, the Soviet Union is compelled by the demands of security to give attention to the production of atomic weapons."

"At the same time the Soviet Union will continue to pursue a policy of building up peace between nations, seeking agreement with other countries for the unconditional prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass annihilation."

Leontyev said governing quarters in the United States will refuse to agree to a ban. — China Mail Special.

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Dividend Warrants will be issued at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 144-148, Des Voeux Road, Central, 1st Floor, Hongkong, on and after the 26th October, 1953.

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Hongkong, 23rd Sept., 1953.

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1953.

Women Standing In Syrian Elections For The First Time

Damascus, Sept. 24.

Syrian women, for the first time in the country's history, will stand as candidates for election to the 82-seat Parliament on October 8. But they have little chance of success.

Candidates so far nominated number 312 and of these five are women.

The Syrian President, Brigadier-General Adib Shishakli, granted women full political rights last July under the new constitution when he cancelled the law which allowed educated women only to vote but not to stand for Parliament.

Two licensed political parties, Socialist Nationalist and Progressive Socialist, are taking part in the elections but three former parties, the People's Party, the Nationalist Party and the Co-operative Socialists, have boycotted them as being against the regime.

The majority of the candidates are standing for the Arab liberation movement, founded last year by President Shishakli.

President Shishakli dissolved Syria's last Parliament after seizing power in a bloodless military coup d'etat in December, 1951.

ARMY'S FLEDGE

The following year, all political parties were banned. The military authorities pledged themselves to govern the country until the civilian leaders could be "entrusted with power."

A decree issued a fortnight ago fixed the number of seats in the coming Parliament at 82, including four for tribesmen and nine for non-Muslims.

The number of seats in the previous Parliament was 114.

Under the new constitution, the President of the Republic will exercise executive powers while the Chamber of Deputies (Parliament) will wield legislative power.

Syrian women were first allowed to vote in the General Assembly elections in 1949.

Reuter.

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Scientists Hold Symposia

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Symposia held at Osaka University today discussed nuclear resonance, absorption and liquid helium.

The scientists are in Japan attending the international conference on theoretical physics.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

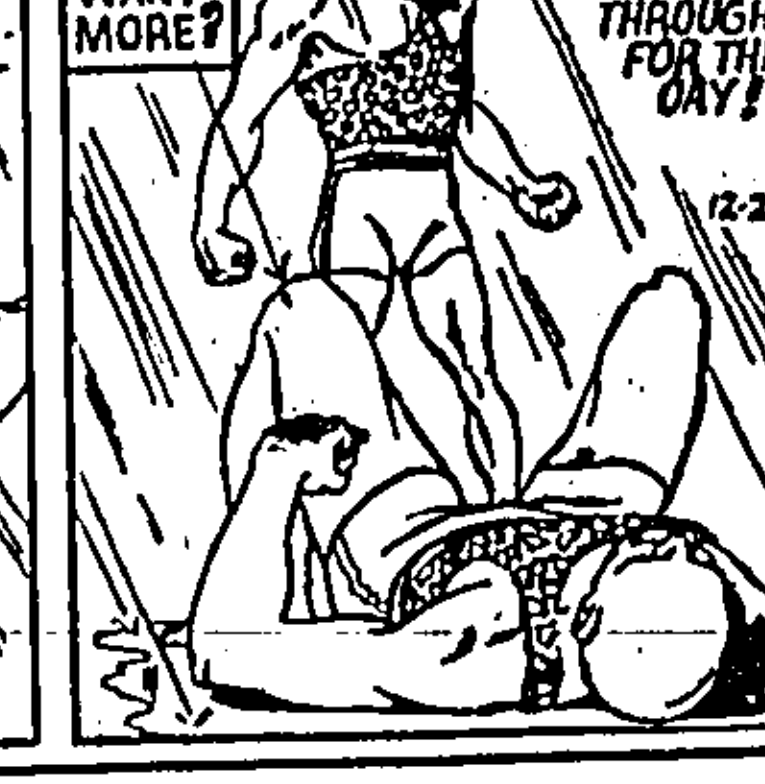


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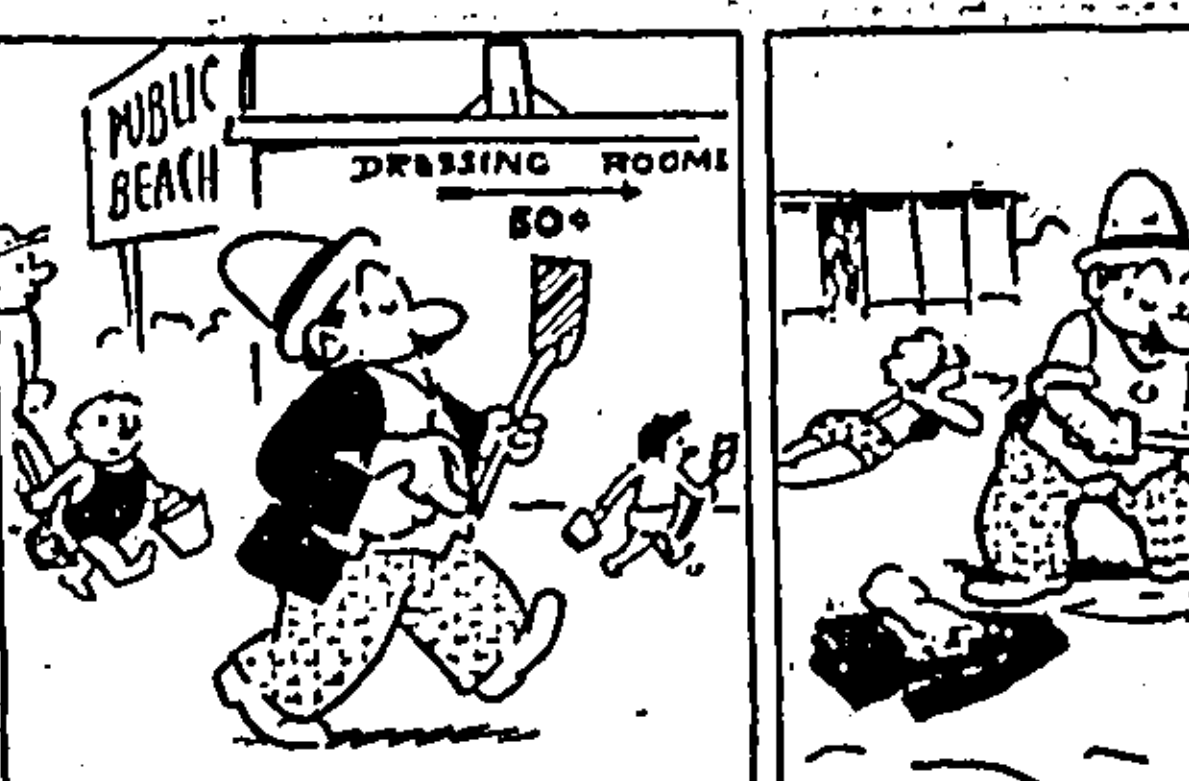


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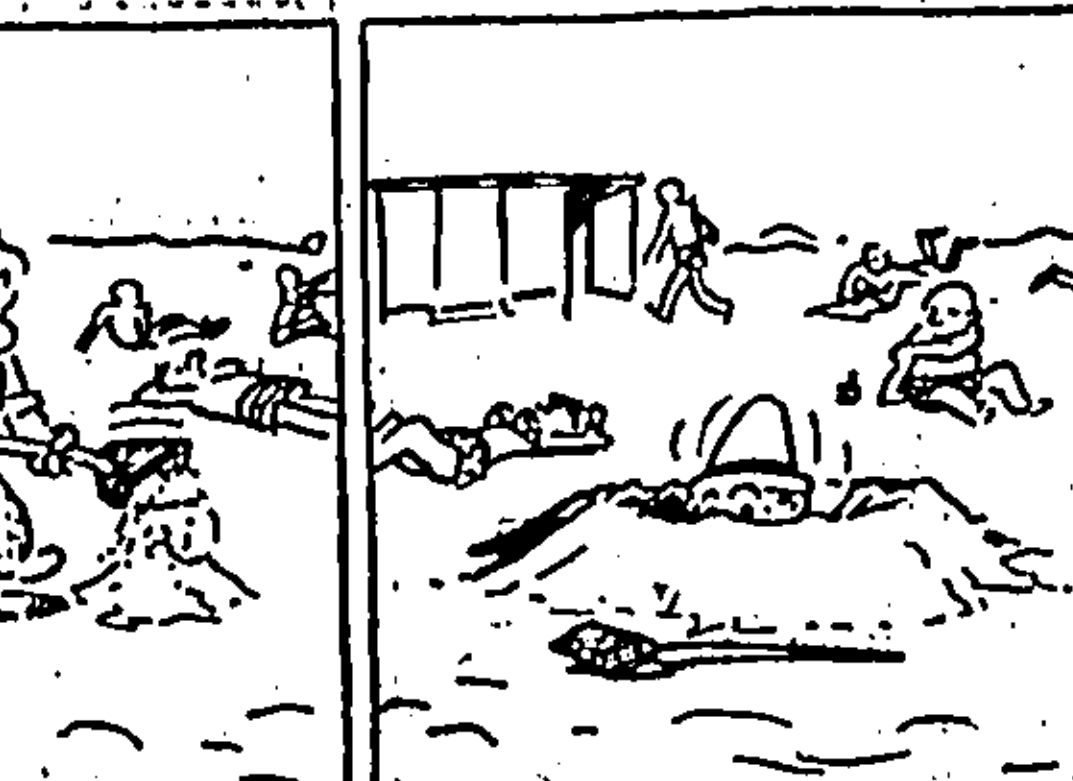
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EMBASSY AWAITING ORDERS American-Japanese Negotiations

Tokyo, Sept. 24.

An American Embassy spokesman said today that American negotiators were awaiting instructions from Washington before reopening talks on a revised administrative agreement between the United States and Japan.

The spokesman was commenting on a Reuters story from Washington that the United States had agreed to grant Japan full criminal jurisdiction over the United States garrison forces in Japan.

He said that the results of a series of informal talks which had been held recently between American and Japanese negotiators had been sent to Washington, and the Embassy was now awaiting further instructions.

Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki told a press conference last week that the question of criminal jurisdiction was not responsible for holding up negotiations.

Mr. Okazaki implied that general agreement had been reached on the jurisdiction question, but that technical details of drafting and other complex legal problems were holding up the agreement.

The American spokesman said today that the Embassy expected a series of formal conferences to be held before the final revised agreement was concluded. — Reuter.

Rats Undermine A Derby Street

London, Sept. 24.

Rats were believed to have chewed a cavity 10 yards long and three feet deep under the road in "Hartington Street," Derby. — China Mail Special.



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CONCERN IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Sept. 24. News of the armed revolt in North Sumatra is causing nervous concern to traders here. A trade source said Malaya imports of rubber, sugar and tobacco from North Sumatra which is a centre for barter trade before banking facilities were introduced late in 1951. Chinese traders here especially have sizable trade connections with Acheh and Nias Island and are watching developments closely. One trader, commenting on the news of the revolt, said it was too early to make an assessment of the situation and local traders are content to adopt a "wait and see" attitude. Meanwhile the Indonesian Consul-General, Dr. Mohammad Razif, is on a visit to Penang, North Malaya, to collect "facts" on trade between Malaya and Indonesia. He told newsmen he was in Penang especially to establish friendship and to institute a policy of good neighbourliness. If the facts gathered there on trade were favourable they would be forwarded to his Government in Djakarta. Dr. Razif will play host at a cocktail party to Government officials and prominent businessmen on Friday before returning to Singapore. This is the Consul-General's first visit to Penang since his appointment here more than two years ago.—United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The Pace Is Killing

THE pace of life on the Mediterranean island of Sicily comes from does not, to strangers, seem excessive for much of his type. In the fields, men and women fight their long battle with the island's grudging soil. But in the towns, Eduardo's sort bask for most of the stifling day in the shade at street corners or in cafes, doing nothing more energetic than lending half a hopeful ear to the lottery results loudspeakers pour out endlessly into the dusty air.

Why Eduardo should have left the island to come here is a mystery. Perhaps he grew tired of constantly having to move to dodge the sun, or perhaps had heard of such tourist attractions as public assistance.

HOSPITALITY
He came, at any rate, five years ago, a lean, bronzed man with a pencilled line of moustache and dark, restless eyes, who quickly learned how to qualify for an allowance from the State.

Instinctively, Eduardo adopted Pica-dilly Circus as his headquarters here, and was welcomed and put wise to ways of augmenting his income without resorting to work.

Shortly after his arrival full hospitality was extended to him. He was sent to prison for loitering with intent to steal from parked cars.

Other prison sentences followed as he absorbed more of the Pica-dilly Circus way of life and ineptly tried to put the tips he picked up into practice.

NOTTA GUILTY
The other day, Eduardo was charged at Bow Street with being a suspected person loitering with intent to steal from cars—in Leicester Square, this time.

He half-closed his eyes until they became small points, slit-like a sharp, bright and said disdainfully: "Notta guilty."

The story of the police watch on Eduardo was told to Mr. Bertram Reese, the magistrate. He had been seen to tamper with the door-handles of three

Carrier Leaves

The American fleet aircraft carrier Kearsarge, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral W. D. Johnson, Commander of United States Carrier Division No. 1, left port this morning after a short recreational visit here.

The 27,100-ton carrier is commanded by Capt. T. B. Clark.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

He's Always Managing To Get In The News!

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Sept. 22.

It is some months now since Reginald Aubrey Doyle was sent along for 10 years for one of the coolest frauds in our history, but so widespread were his activities around the city that seldom a week goes by without his name getting a good spot in the papers.

But this week he has been in the news a little more than usual.

It was revealed that it was only by last-minute juggling that his name was scratched from the list of those who were to receive the Coronation Medal.

Two warders at Long Bay gaol have been sacked following the discovery of £15 in a rubbish bin in Doyle's cell. Doyle himself is to come before a visiting magistrate to explain the presence of this money.

And what police call "sensational" developments are expected in a few days about an alleged horse doping gang—the beans about which were said to have been split by Doyle after his arrest.

It can be said that never has one man caused so much worry to so many as our friend Aubrey Doyle.

An advertising stunt of a city store this week held up traffic. It consisted of a pair of legs jutting from a background into the window, advertising women's stockings.

What attracted the crowd was the discovery that the legs were real.

RELIABILITY TRIAL
The firm that sponsored the 6,500-mile car reliability trial—the last of the competitors struggled in this week—must be wondering if the game is worth a candle.

The trial—from Sydney to Brisbane, to Townsville, across to Mt. Isa, on to Darwin, down to Alice Springs, south to Adelaide, then Melbourne and Sydney, was a great success inasmuch as 192 cars of all types and style entered for the £1,000 prize, but caused trouble for the world "go."

Firstly, many members of the public complained about the record traffic snarl the trial caused in the city the Sunday afternoon it began; at every city on the route competitors complained bitterly about the alleged actions of the fellow competitors; leaders in the trial along outback stretches were accused of turning sign-posts the wrong way (one car went 180 miles off its course) and generally there was plenty unhappiness.

At Darwin some competitors had serious check over the cars of other drivers whom they accused of not obeying by the rules; at Adelaide there was a mass protest about some drivers; at Melbourne another mass protest against the adding to the trial of an unselected "honour" colour, out to prevent a tie in points.

DISQUALIFIED
After meeting in camera for more than five hours on night this week, the controllers of the trial, the Sporting Car Club of Australia, disqualified one team, which now threatens to apply to the court for an injunction.

These reliability trials are apparently a fierce business and not so far confused with the game of cricket.

Now the public has set up a wall. People are demanding that engine and chassis numbers of the trial cars be published for the protection of those people who are contemplating the buying of a second hand car.

This was more than double the amount of £31,000 the Commonwealth paid for its Australian-wide Coronation celebrations.

Overseas trips by MPs last year cost taxpayers £120,000.

NOT APPROVED
Sipka Tjerk Widdinga, 25-year-old migrant from Holland, was a participant in the war. He thought, as his airline, the flying Dutchman, passed directly over his future home at

Bourke, outback NSW, it would save himself and his wife two days in a train if they brought their parachutes along and they jumped into their new town.

Unfortunately, the authorities do not encourage this method of leaving an airline, so Mr. Widdinga and his wife had to adopt the more conventional method of landing.

LABOUR AND TITLES

There is considerable muttering in high places about Labour's determined stand on titles. Some people, who could reasonably expect recognition for their office after the Royal Tour next year, were hopeful that the Coronation trip of the Premier, Mr. Cahill, would have been followed by a more tolerant attitude.

But Mr. Cahill dashed hopes this week when he said: "The best title of all is plain mister." And apparently knowing something of what is going on in the minds of the near great, added: "It is a matter of regret for some people that Labour will be governing in five States during the Royal Tour."

"All Governments of the Commonwealth will warmly welcome the Queen and none will show her greater loyalty than Labour, but the visit will not cause the Government to change its policy in any fashion."

So main hopes for titles will now rest with Canberra, where a Liberal Government will still rule.

Worth-While Book

HONGKONG ESCAPE

HONGKONG ESCAPE: by Lieut-Col. R. B. Goodwin, OBE, RNZNVR. Published by Arthur Barker, Ltd., London. On sale at the S.C.M. Post, Ltd., Wyndham St. \$15.

Everyone who was unfortunate enough to find himself in Shamshui POW camp during the Japanese occupation will find special interest in this narrative of a single-handed escape carried out with great courage and imagination. But this is a book which also holds much wider reader-interest.

The author strikes a minor key in relating his experiences, yet, this, if anything, adds to the tense drama and emphasises the remarkable fortitude of a man who, for two and a half years, had remained constant in his determination to escape from imprisonment and who finally permitted no obstacle, no hardship and no test of human endurance to deny realisation of his dream.

Mr. Goodwin goes out of his way to avoid heroics in describing his adventures and his perils, but the stark facts of his escape from Shamshui and his tortuous journey across southwest China are sufficient in themselves to convince even the most hardened of readers that he carried out an epic enterprise.

This is a worth-while book in every respect, and one that can be read with deep interest more than once.

Long Service Medals Awarded

H.E. the Governor has authorised the award of the Colonial Fire Brigades Long Service Medal to the following, in accordance with regulation 4 of the Regulations concerning the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal: Sub-Officer Chan Chu-wai, Fireman No. 111 Lui Shau, Fireman No. 207 Cheung Tor.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He's really starting to show ambition—he just answered a TV question that would be worth \$1000 if he was there!"

Quarrelling Among Lepers At Hay Ling Chau

A number of reports have been circulating in the Colony this week of trouble among the lepers at Hay Ling Chau—the "Isle of Happy Healing."

They were to the effect that some of the Swatow lepers were dissatisfied with their representation on the self-governing Council which the controllers of the leper station have instituted and that quarrels broke out between them and some of the Hakkas on the island.

It is also reported that a police post has been set up to prevent further trouble.

Approached this morning on the subject, an official of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers issued the following statement:

The leprosy on Hay Ling Chau continues to grow and there are now about 360 patients on the island. Many of these are very sick—others work in the fields and help build roads and cottages. Some of the latter recently quarrelled among themselves—they are from different parts of China and tempers became rather frayed for a while. Good feeling was however soon restored and the development of the island, under the administration of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers, continues apace. In addition to caring for the residents on the island, the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Neil Fraser, is treating some 200 out-patients at clinics in Hongkong.

Gazetted Appointments

The Government Gazette announced today that H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. W. D. Leighton to act as Senior Marine Officer with effect from September 6.

Other appointments listed were: Mr. B. D. Wilson, to be District Officer Yuen Long and Assistant collector of Stamp Revenue; Mr. Wilson was also appointed a Special Magistrate and was authorised to hold a Small Debts Court in the New Territories at the Land Offices at Tai Po and Ping Shan; Mr. D. R. W. Alexander to be a Cadet Officer, Class II; Mr. D. C. Reed to be Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council.

It was also announced that the following officers resumed duty with effect from September 21: Mr. W. F. Watson (Commissioner of Inland Revenue and Estate Duty Commissioner); Mr. W. W. C. Shewan (Assistant Director of Public Works).

The following members of the panel of the Board of Review have been re-appointed by H. E. the Governor with effect from October 1: Messrs H. R. M. Cligand, D. B. Evans, W. T. Grimdale, R. C. Lee, J. Tat Chee, W. A. Welch, J. Young and the Hon. M. W. Lo.

'Who's Her Line?' Solution
LINEN DRAPER
London Express Service

Alleged Abortion Trial Continues

Witness Declines To Answer Two Questions

Lee Yu-mui, married woman, another principal witness for the prosecution, this morning declined to answer two questions put to her by Crown Counsel when she gave evidence before Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions on the fourth day of the trial of four women, three of them sisters, on charges of using instruments and conspiracy to procure abortions.

The four accused women were Cheung Oi-mei, alias Amy Cheung, 26, married woman, Cheung Siu-huen, alias Betty Cheung, 18, student, Cheung Siu-wah, alias Kathryn Cheung, 17, student, and Cheung Kam, 41, amah.

Two other accused, Wong Man-huen, 50, married woman, and Cheung Wun, 50, business man, who were originally charged with the others, were not before the Court, having absconded before they were due to appear to plead at the August Criminal Sessions. They were the parents of the three Cheung girls on trial.

Mr. R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, appeared for the four accused.

The charges were (a) that the four accused, together with Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun, allegedly used an instrument or some other unknown means on Wong Yuk-fan on January 28 to procure a miscarriage; (b) that the same four accused, together with Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun, allegedly used an instrument or some other unknown means on Lee Yu-mui on May 29 to procure a miscarriage; (c) that the first three accused had, with Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun, on divers dates between September 12, 1951, and May 30, 1953, conspired to procure abortions.

A jury of six men and one woman was empanelled.

JUDGE'S WARNING
Before Lee Yu-mui testified, she was warned by the Judge that she need not answer any question which she thought might incriminate her. During her testimony, she declined to answer two questions put by the Crown Counsel in her examination-in-chief.

Lee testified that she was married and had four children. In May, she suspected that she was pregnant. She then declined to answer Mr. Leighton's question whether she was asked what decision she made then.

She continued that on May 28, she went to the Kowloon Residents' Free Clinic in Nathan Road to see Dr. Wong Man-huen. In the clinic, were the first and second accused. She asked first accused to examine her and was told that she had been pregnant for three months. Witness then asked the second accused to "do it."

Asked by Mr. Leighton what second accused was requested to do, witness declined to answer the question.

Mr. Winter then objected to the Crown proceeding any further, adding that the witness had indicated she did not wish to answer any question. His submission was over-ruled by the Court.

Witness was then again reminded by the Judge that she need not answer any particular question which might incriminate her.

NO RECEIPT
Witness said that the first accused was told to "do it" and asked for \$300 together with \$20 for the hiring of a room. A sum of \$40 was paid but no receipt was given.

On the following evening, at 7 p.m., witness returned to the Clinic again and was taken to 22A, Austin Road, 1st floor, by second accused. On arrival, she saw Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun and was told by Wong to sit inside a room. A short while later, the second accused appeared and received \$280, being the balance of \$320. No receipt was given.

Witness said, Wong Man-huen then told her to go to another room, where there was a bed, a case containing medicine bottles and a table. The third accused was also present in the room.

Witness then described the alleged operation on her.

Hearing of the case is continuing.

H. E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has recognised Mr. Alejandro D. Yanga, as Vice-Consul for the Republic of the Philippines at Hongkong, provisionally and pending the issue of Her Majesty's Exequatur.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere while in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally shown earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 6 p.m.
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Philippines, G.P.O. Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 8 a.m.
India, Malaya, 9 a.m.
Japan, 10 a.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m. by Surface
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.
Siam, 10 a.m.
Malaya, 1 p.m.
Burma, 1:30 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 5 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 3 p.m.
Siam, Burma, Philippines, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1:30 p.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Burma, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6:00 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6:05 Children's Hour; 6:10 News; 6:15 The Sound of Music; 6:20 The Sound of Music; 6:25 The Sound of Music; 6:30 The Sound of Music; 6:35 The Sound of Music; 6:40 The Sound of Music; 6:45 The Sound of Music; 6:50 The Sound of Music; 6:55 The Sound of Music; 7:00 The Sound of Music; 7:05 The Sound of Music; 7:10 The Sound of Music; 7:15 The Sound of Music; 7:20 The Sound of Music; 7:25 The Sound of Music; 7:30 The Sound of Music; 7:35 The Sound of Music; 7:40 The Sound of Music; 7:45 The Sound of Music; 7:50 The Sound of Music; 7:55 The Sound of Music; 8:00 The Sound of Music; 8:05 The Sound of Music; 8:10 The Sound of Music; 8:15 The Sound of Music; 8:20 The Sound of Music; 8:25 The Sound of Music; 8:30 The Sound of Music; 8:35 The Sound of Music; 8:40 The Sound of Music; 8:45 The Sound of Music; 8:50 The Sound of Music; 8:55 The Sound of Music; 9:00 The Sound of Music; 9:05 The Sound of Music; 9:10 The Sound of Music; 9:15 The Sound of Music; 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